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SUBJECT: EA SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1977

1. USSR-JAPAN FISHERY TALKS: REASONS FOR THE USSR HARD LINE

A HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN REPORTS THE COMMENTS OF
A SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN TOKYO: THERE WERE DISAGREE-
MENTS WITHIN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON THE USSR'S UNUSUALLY
TOUGH STAND IN THE SOVIET-JAPAN FISHERY TALKS. NO ONE,
HOWEVER, DARED COUNTER FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S DECISION
TO GIVE JAPAN A LESSON FOR INSULTING THE USSR DURING THE
MIG-25 INCIDENT. THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN TOKYO IS CONCERNED
THAT THE USSR'S HARD POSITION HAS DAMAGED SOVIET-JAPAN
RELATIONS FOR YEARS TO COME. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES CHINA
WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ANTI-SOVIET FEELINGS THAT THE
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CREATED.

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2. MARCOS TO SEEK ASEAN SUPPORT FOR HIS MINDANAO POLICY

ACCORDING TO A USUALLY RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE SOURCE,
PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL ON MAY 25 THAT HE INTENDS TO SEND A

SPECIAL ENVOY OF CABINET RANK TO ALL ASEAN CAPITALS

SOMETIME IN JUNE. THE ENVOY WILL EXPLAIN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN THE MINDANAO MUSLIM DISPUTE AND ATTEMPT TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF ASEAN LEADERS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND.

MARCOS WANTS TO EMPHASIZE TO ASEAN LEADERS THAT THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE ASEAN REGION WOULD BE ENDANGERED BY A RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

THE SOURCE COMMENTS THAT MARCOS MIGHT USE SOLICITOR GENERAL ESTELITO MENDOZA FOR THE TASK. MENDOZA RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SIMILAR MISSION TO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES.

3. KOREAN PRISONER MUN IK-HWAN GOES ON HUNGER STRIKE

MYONGDONG DEFENDANT MUN IK-HWAN (TIMOTHY MUN) REPORTEDLY BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE MAY 18. MUN REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS FAMILY HE HAD DECIDED TO FAST "TO THE END" IN AN ATTEMPT TO HELP RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO KOREA. MUN'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL PROBABLY MOBILIZE PROMINENT OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES TO ASK MUN TO DESIST, BUT MUN HAS SHOWN GREAT DETERMINATION OF WILL IN PAST.

EMBASSY SEOUL IS CHECKING WITH S. KOREAN AUTHORITIES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON MUN'S FAST AND PHYSICAL CONDITION. HABIB

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